



Docket No.: 57454-248

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Shuji NAKAO, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 4719
Serial No.: 09/986,084	:	Group Art Unit: 1756
Filed: November 07, 2001	:	Examiner: C. Young

For: FOCUS MONITORING METHOD, FOCUS MONITORING APPARATUS, AND  
METHOD OF MAUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

**NOTICE OF APPEAL  
FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated September 29,  
2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-9.

Appeal Fee: \$330.00

- ☐ Not required (fee paid in prior appeal in this application).  
☒ Charge to Deposit Account No. 500417.  
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Respectfully submitted,

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